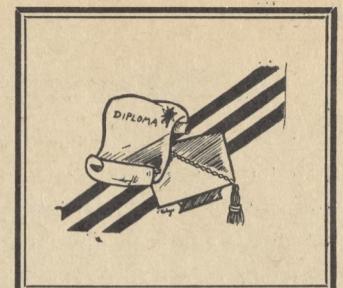


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State Senator's Record Long on Accomplishment

By Nancy Bengtson

"You do the right thing because it is the right thing to do, and for no other reason."

Republican State Senator William T. Conklin demonstrates this belief as Bay Ridge's representative in Albany, and in accordance with it has been responsible for the passage of more than 125 laws.

The Senator's only son is mentally retarded. It was Mr. Conklin's concern for the mentally handicapped that inspired him to enter politics. In 1956 he was elected State Senator.

Recently he received international acclaim for his bill to eliminate a type of retardation called Phenolketuria (P.K.U.). Dr. Robert Guthrie, a New York physician, developed a test to determine the presence of P.K.U., which can be cured if detected at birth. Effective January 1, 1965, this test will be mandatory for all infants born in New York State. It is hoped that eventually it will be used throughout the world.

Senator Conklin has many other accomplishments in his long record of service. He introduced the "death gamble" bill, benefiting teachers, policemen, and firemen who continue working after retirement age. The bill became a law. He brought back milk-dating and secured the passage of humane slaughtering laws.

Opposed to Involuntary Busing

Concerning the controversial issue of school integration, the Senator commented, "I am opposed to the in-



George Kull

Senator Conklin

voluntary busing of Bay Ridge children to other neighborhoods."

For his work in the field of mental retardation, Senator Conklin will receive the Shield of David, an award given by the Cavalcade of Stars, a Jewish philanthropic organization. The United Federation of Teachers will present him with an award for his legislation in helping the retarded and in working for the benefit of teachers.

Toured Europe 3 Times

The Senator and his family have toured Europe three times to aid the National Association for Retarded Children. His son, Billy, had an audience with the late Pope John and with the heads of state of several countries.

Senator Conklin received his education at N.Y.U. He was once a radio announcer for station WOR and is now an advertising executive. He has two married daughters and six grandchildren. "My favorite hobby is music, and I read whenever I can," he remarked. He plays the violin, ukulele, and piano.

8 Seniors Winners Of Scholarships

"Eight seniors have recently won scholarships," announced Mrs. Mary Catania, college adviser.

They are Judith Cosentino, 4B2, winner of a scholarship to Fashion Institute of Technology, worth \$250 per semester; Janice Ellertsen, 4A3, holder of a \$200 scholarship granted by Wood Secretarial School; and Ellen Harswick, 4A5, receiver of a Concordia College Merit Scholarship.

Also, Rosemarie Martin, 4B12, recipient of a renewable scholarship worth \$250 a year; and Suzanne Santoro, 4B2, holder of an award of \$810 each year to be used at the School of Visual Arts.

Jane Lyons, 4A5, was a winner of a \$2000 grant-in-aid awarded by Pace College, while Marlene Shama, 4A13, was the recipient of a grant-in-aid worth \$300 a year at Wheelock College.

Raymond Schaefer, 4A11, received a Cornell Regents Scholarship and was also accepted at Cornell.

Said Mrs. Catania, "I extend my heartiest congratulations to these fine scholars, and I strongly urge freshmen and sophomores to work now to build up good scholastic grades."

Teacher Receives 'Good Guy' Award

More than 600 students petitioned a "Good Guy" sweatshirt for Mr. Jack Fakterowitz, a member of the English Department.

The WMCA announcement completely surprised but warmly delighted him. "I feel honored to be recognized in such an informal way," he said happily.

Mr. Fakterowitz's genuine interest in the growth of youth is coupled with a rich enthusiasm for teaching. "The classroom," he believes, "is a medium for the daily exchange of facts and ideas. It is an indispensable and effective tool which builds and strengthens character and human destiny."

Literature and Music

Mr. Fakterowitz devotes his leisure to good literature and good music. His record collection of more than three hundred compositions includes many collector's items and unreleased jazz records.

He began to play the drums at the age of sixteen. At Lincoln High School he was a member of the Symphonic, Marching, and Dance Bands. On the classical side, he prefers Beethoven.

During the Korean War he served as a meteorologist and was stationed at Iwo Jima. He received his B.A. from Brooklyn College and is now studying at the same institution for his M.A.

Achieve Graduation Honor



George Kull

Milton Eisner, class salutatorian, and Eileen (Patti) Gallagher, valedictorian, display their pleasure. They will deliver the salutatory and valedictory, respectively, at the commencement exercises, June 25.

Gallagher and Eisner To Address Graduates

By JoAnne Russo

The honor of saying farewell to Fort Hamilton in the valedictory address at the commencement exercises has been given to Eileen (Patti) Gallagher, who has achieved a 96.6 rank average in the three and a half years she has attended this school.

Patti is the recipient of many honors, chief among them a National Merit Scholarship, the first won by a student of this school.

She has also received an interfaith Achievement Award and a medal from the Society of French Teachers in America.

Recently she won a Mayor's Citation, a Regents Scholarship, and scholarship aid by the Brooklyn Vassar Club and Vassar College.

Active in School Affairs

Patti is president of the Newman Club and is the literary editor of the *Tower*, senior yearbook. She is also a member of the Junior Peace Corps Club and the Minutemen and is co-captain of Boosters.

"During my spare time, if I manage to get some, I'm a sports bug," she laughed. She enjoys swimming, bowling and skiing, and plays golf "whenever and wherever I can." A golfer since she was ten, Patti was turned down in the Hearst Publication Golf Tournament because "I was a girl." She shoots a 90.

"I enjoy listening to just about any (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5)

65-ers Will Have New Ring Design

Beginning with the class of '65, a new key design and ring design will be available.

The new design will feature a blue stone. The shank of the ring will be die-cast with a picture of the tower and a serene view of the harbor and the Narrows Bridge.

The design was selected and approved by a faculty-student committee comprising Miss Ethelreda Furlong, Mrs. Jean Frankle, Miss Mary E. Maher, Mr. Alexander Selwyn, and juniors Robert Breuer, Rona Pravda and Catherine Viksjo.

Senior jewelry designed with the original and traditional Fort Hamilton High School pattern, however, will be continued.

By Andrea Stone

This year's *Tower* staff has worked diligently to prepare a new and distinctive yearbook for the class of '64. The yearbook is expected to make its appearance next week.

Headed by editor-in-chief Arthur DiMatta, 4B4, the staff began work in September and "is proud of the changes made." These included a different layout and typeface.

Equally proud is Mr. Patrick Walsh, faculty adviser. "This year's staff has produced exceptionally fine work, both in the literary and art departments." Now in his second year as adviser, Mr. Walsh has "a task which includes many different duties—from correcting spelling errors to seeing that deadlines are met."

Staff Well Coordinated

Said Arthur, "It's important to have a group that can work well to-

More Than 700 Will Graduate Thurs., June 25

By Helena Nozick

More than 700 students will leave Fort Hamilton High School as graduates when they receive their diplomas Thursday, June 25, at the air-conditioned Brooklyn College Walt Whitman auditorium.

The commencement exercises will begin at 2 P.M. sharp. The girls will be attired in white gowns, the boys in blue.

Opening the exercises with the salutatory address will be Milton Eisner, 4A17—an honor reserved for the senior with the second highest average in the class. Closing the exercises with the valedictory will be Eileen (Patti) Gallagher, 4B8—an honor reserved for the senior with the highest average.

Address by Principal

Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal, will address the graduates. On stage will be a number of faculty members, including Mr. James L. Quigley and Mr. Morton Stone, administrative assistants; Miss Leonore Simon and Mr. Isaac Feinberg, senior class counselors; Mrs. Mary Catania, college coordinator; and Miss Ethelreda Furlong, senior social adviser.

A representative from each prefect class will also be on stage to receive a token diploma. Students will receive their diplomas after the exercises.

To Receive Awards

Outstanding seniors will be the recipients of such awards as the PTA Award, Cooperation in Government Awards, the Augustus Ludwig Award, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Award. An award will also be presented to the outstanding student in each subject area.

A portion of the program will be devoted to musical selections sung by the Mixed Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Lessell, chairman of the Music Department. The band, under the supervision of Mr. Gerald Heffron, will also perform.

Last year approximately 600 students graduated. Since the school went on annual promotion, more than ten years ago, the size of the graduating class has fluctuated between 600 and 750.

Tower Staff Preparing A Distinguished Yearbook

By Andrea Stone

gather when meeting strict deadlines." Assisting him are Eileen (Patti) Gallagher, literary editor; and Laura Chin and Susan Wasack, art editors.

Features of the *Tower* will be the Senior Show, Senior Day, and a page set aside for autographs. The price is included in the senior dues, but soft-covered copies may be purchased by any student for one dollar.

Stayed Until 5 O'clock

"Because of the very large graduating class," said Arthur, "a great deal of work went into the arrangement of the yearbook. We often stayed until five o'clock to cope with problems that arose."

He continued, "I think all of us, though, have gained considerable knowledge and pleasure while working on our yearbook."

A Sobering Thought

In ten days high school students will have in their hands white booklets bearing the words "New York State Regents Examination."

Many a boy and girl envies students throughout the country who are not required to take Regents examinations. In fact, some students attempt to justify poor grades on the Regents by saying that since we New Yorkers are the only ones required to take them, why bother?

Despite our protests, the Regents examinations have a valuable purpose: not only do they help provide uniform educational standards throughout the state, but they also assist colleges and universities in evaluating our scholastic records.

It is essential to bear in mind that, according to new state regulations, any passing student scheduled to take a Regents who absents himself willfully from the examination without a substantial excuse will receive a failing mark in his class work. This is a sobering thought.

Let's accept the fact with equanimity that we have to take these examinations, and let's do the best we can. Good marks on the papers will have several advantages, and one of them will be a more pleasant summer.

The time is short; the tests are important; the books are at hand. Let's dig in.

It's Almost Over

Graduation may mean various things to the seniors of 1964. To some it may be the beginning of a college career; to others, a start in the business world. But to many it may be the opening of doors to opportunities otherwise unattainable.

One thing is certain: graduation will bring with it memories of past experiences. Remember the day we entered these halls "to grow in body, mind, and spirit"? And who can forget our junior year! If Winston Churchill could see the effort that has been going into this final struggle, he would use "blood, tears, toil, and sweat" to describe it.

Now that graduation is almost here, let us take a glance at the future. Will we be ready to meet the challenges waiting for us? Will we truly "depart to serve better our God, our country, and our fellow man"?

Each person, in a sense, must decide the significance of his four years in high school. Each person must determine what education means to him. In the final analysis, we get out of our work, our play, our social life, according to what we put into it.

Commencement day will be the day when every senior can be his own lawyer, judge and jury.

Bridging the Gap

By Bob Breuer

(Some facts about the Narrows Bridge)

The bridge will be 4,260 feet long, 60 feet longer than the world's longest—the Golden Gate Bridge, in San Francisco.

There is enough wire in the four main cables to encircle the world roughly five and one-half times at the equator.

The excavation for the Staten Island anchorage alone is about a city block square and 145 feet deep.

This huge cavity required the movement of almost a half million cubic yards of earth, and swallowed almost a quarter million cubic yards of concrete.

A bridge across the Narrows is not a new idea. It was first proposed in 1888.

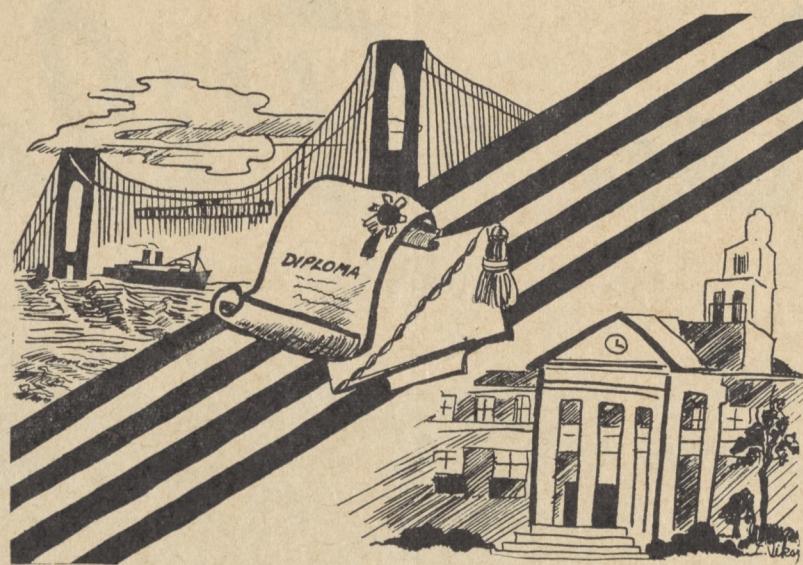
There will eventually be twelve lanes on the bridge.

The main bridge will use 160,000 tons of structural steel, 28,000 tons of reinforcing steel, and 570,000 cubic yards of concrete.

The cost of the bridge will be \$325,000,000, almost ten times that of the Golden Gate Bridge.

The bridge is expected to handle 12,600,000 vehicles the first year, with only the upper deck in use!

Conservative estimates say that because of the bridge, Staten Island's population will double in ten years.



Sophomore Says Teenager Has Too Many Pressures

By Trudy Bjelland, 2B20

(The article below was written as a composition in English 2H3.)

"You teenagers of today have it too easy," scoffs your grandparent with a shake of his head. "Why, when I was your age," he reminisces, and then goes on to tell of all the hardships he endured when he was a teenager.

Is this true? Do teenagers today have it too easy? There is more than one side to this issue. In our grandparents' day children walked perhaps five miles to get to school, then five miles back. Today a bus takes children almost to the doorstep.

Formerly during spring and summer the teenagers worked in the fields, whereas today summer generally means a time for lounging, sunbathing and swimming. Not that our grandparents didn't enjoy themselves. They didn't believe in all work and no play, but there is a difference between how they spent their summers and how teenagers now spend theirs.

Pushed Into Adulthood

Certainly it was harder for them in some ways, but that is not the complete story. Today teenagers are supposed to act like adults—they have to mature earlier. Children are pushed from childhood into adulthood, and when one teenager goes astray it is met by adults with, "That's a typical teenager for you."

In this day and age there are more temptations to "go astray" than there were in our grandparents' time. There are many more pressures on the youth of today. If a girl has not gone out on a date, or is not "going steady" by the time she is fourteen, she is considered a failure or an "old maid."

Too Much Pressure

Teenagers are not adults, but they are supposed to act "grown up" at all times; otherwise they are considered juvenile delinquents. Certainly they are not supposed to be wild or childish. Teenagers have to restrain themselves, but there should not be this steady pressure upon them to which our grandparents were not subjected.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we teenagers of today have it easier than our grandparents as far as physical exertion is concerned, but that they had fewer pressures in their daily life than today's teenagers.

How will it be in the future? No one knows. Perhaps one day we will be sitting in a rocking chair, knitting socks or smoking a pipe, and say to our teenage grandchildren, "You teenagers have it too easy. Why, when I was your age..."

Daffodils

Daffodils
On my grave—
Blowing sweetly
In the wind—
Remind people
Not of death,
But life.
This is their loveliness.

Death is for the dying.
You who live must sing;
Must not think of lonely crying,
But of flowers in the spring.

Janet Rich, 2A17

James MacArevey, 4A9:
I think that my senior year will be my fondest memory because of the many important events taking place. I don't think I shall ever forget the excitement I felt upon receiving my college acceptance. Without a doubt, my senior year will always remain high on my list of fond memories.

Linda Anderson, 4A5:

I will recall with greatest pleasure the entire four years—as a whole. Many specific events will come to mind, like working on the *Anchor* and the *musicales*; but the total effect which high school has had on me will be the most pleasurable experience, although the most subtle one.

• Corcoran's Corner •

By Ethel Corcoran

Lots of people (three) ask me just how this column gets written every month. They want to know whether I get out my copy of the Black Rites home-training manual and cook up a paste made of two crushed pencils used by John Lennon, the ashes of a cremated copy of Shakespeare's complete works, some eggshells, apple cores, a couple of old socks found in the boys' locker room, and a quart of sulfuric acid spread thickly over the paper. Do I mutter a few thousand elephant jokes, and bingo, ringo, zingo, seven hundred words?

Corky

So that future generations of high school humor writers will know exactly what fiendish tortures lie in wait for them, I take plume in paw and tell all.

Above the Clouds

The first time you receive a notice about when "your" column is due you are exhilarated; you fly, you soar, far above the clouds. The fingers itch to pound the old typewriter and pour out pages of creative genius. Then you notice the thick booklet attached to the notice: "6978 Topics Not to Be Used." After reading it, you wonder if there is anything left in the universe that you can write about.

You decide you'll write it Saturday morning. Since you don't get up until two o'clock Saturday afternoon, that idea is shot. Well, you'll write it Saturday night. At 2:02 P.M. you get a call for a date. Now you're put to the supreme test. Will it be one night's madness and good times or the possibility of being immortalized at sixteen for the words that will revolutionize the entire literary world? Tomorrow morning it will definitely be done. Definitely.

700 Funny Words

At 11:06 P.M. Sunday night you realize that you still need seven hundred funny words for Monday morning. You break out into a cold sweat and flood the apartment downstairs. You grab an eight-inch stack of paper, every pencil in sight, a two-pound eraser, and run to your bedroom. Your sister is sleeping.

Frantically you push her out of bed, throw her out of the room, slam the door (breaking the living room windows), grab a pencil and a sheet of paper and—and—the mind goes blank. Nothing. You start to make paper dolls with the paper. Lovely, lovely paper dolls. And then you start to recite nursery rhymes. You remember how to print your names. Then you sit and draw triangles for an hour. I have a tip for all would-be writers. There is absolutely, positively no inspiration in triangles.

Your Parents Are Screaming

Meanwhile your parents are screaming at you to go to bed. So you turn out the light, crawl under the blankets, whip out your trusty flashlight, and hold it in your left hand while you write with the other.

You tear up, cross out, and utterly destroy a few million beginnings, endings and middles.

When your mother throws the bucket of ice water in your face to wake you up at seven o'clock you have just placed the final period on the paper. You wrap it up in fire-proof material, place it in a solid steel attaché case completely rigged with a bomb and poison darts, tell the F.B.I. agent you're ready, and walk the two blocks to school. You gently place it on the Great White Father's desk, steal away, and quietly have a nervous breakdown.

A Few Minor Changes

When you get called down to the office you're greeted with, "It's great. We're just going to cut this, reword that, add a paragraph here, and change the last three paragraphs entirely." You're so proud. Imagine. Just a few minor changes.

That's the truth about writing these columns. I know, I've written seven of them this year. What's that, Mr. Solovay? Would I like to give up writing the column next year? Mr. Solovay, you wouldn't! You couldn't! I—please, Mr. Solovay, don't!

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Baseball Star Wants To Play Professionally

By Bob Morris

A combination of natural ability and competitive spirit spells success in any field of endeavor. John Petrelli has applied these two qualities to the game of baseball with remarkable efficiency.

John is co-captain of this year's baseball team and ranks as one of the outstanding ball players in the Bay Ridge area. This fiery player is a good hitter and rates above-average in the field. However, determination and a fierce competitive spirit are the factors which make Petrelli a standout.

Said Coach Vincent Cimmino, "John is probably our team's most valuable player. He can play many different positions and is always coming through with the clutch hit."

At Second Base

John has settled down at second base this year and has started off well at the plate and in the field.

"Petrelli is a never-say-die guy who is always hustling," said a teammate. "We lost quite a few games last year by sizable margins, but John never gave up and was always doing his best."

John has been playing organized baseball since he was nine. Last summer he hit over 350 for the Ty Cobbs in the tough Shore Parkway League.

Although he is outgoing on the field, this crew-cut senior possesses a quiet, reserved personality.

Hopes to Play Professionally

He hopes to play professionally after graduation. "I have always wanted to be a professional ball

player. I may not make it, but I would certainly like to have a chance."

Even if John fails to make the grade in professional baseball, his native ability and competitive spirit will be valuable assets for whatever career he chooses to pursue.

Golfers End Up With 4-1 Record

A victory over Lafayette gave the golf team a 4-1 record for the season.

Coach Kenneth Kern attributed the squad's fine showing to a "balance lacking in most other of the other clubs." Said Mr. Kern, "Each match was close, but consistency pulled us through."

Members of the squad were Ron Thompson, Marty Berry, Captain Howie Kerpen, Pat Norris, Tommy Ecklund, and Alan Brakstad.

Sophomore Ron Thompson proved to be Coach Kern's most improved shooter by cutting more than five strokes off last year's game.

With four regulars returning, golfing news should be bright next season.

Asst. Editor Excels In Basketball and Reporting

By Bob Breuer

Assistant sports editor of the Pilot, feature writer par excellence, member of the honor roll, and all-round sports enthusiast. These words partially sum up the accomplishments of Robert Darrall Morris, better known as Bob.

This personable junior, who speaks with a trace of a southern accent, had the "best jump shot on the team," according to his coach, Mr. Kenneth Kern. Despite his slight build, Bob was one of the top scorers and the Rebels' biggest threat from outside. His high score came in the first league game of the year, when he popped in sixteen points against Madison, mostly on long jumpers.

From Virginia

Bob came to Fort Hamilton from Richmond, Virginia, during the second half of his freshman year. He tried out for the basketball club and made it. He was a playmaker then, and continued to be one during his sophomore year on the varsity. Last summer he grew five inches and developed such a good jump shot that he led the team in shooting percentage, despite the fact that he took most of his shots from at least twenty feet away.

Said Bob, "I really enjoy playing basketball. Not only is it fun, but it helped me gain friends and adjust to Fort Hamilton."

Specializes in Interviews

A cub reporter on the Pilot during his sophomore year, Bob subsequently became assistant sports editor. His speciality is the interview.

"Writing for the paper has been a valuable and exciting experience. The Pilot has given me an opportunity not only to express myself but also to meet people. Because of the paper, I was able to attend a Yogi Berra press conference and meet many Yankee ball players."

Last summer this modest junior participated in the St. Brendan's Summer League Basketball tournament,

Netmen End Year With 5-3 Slate

The tennis team, coached by Mr. Alfred Joltin, concluded its season with a 5-3 record.

After losing to Erasmus in the season's opener, the netmen reeled off four straight wins, defeating Lafayette, Alexander Hamilton, Grady, and Westinghouse.

Then came the matches against Madison. The team lost two heart-breakers and went down 3-2, thus eliminating itself from a first-place finish.

The netmen then finished the season by defeating New Utrecht, 4-1, and losing to Sheepshead Bay.

Captain Ray Schaerf, who will graduate this month, won seven out of eight matches, his only defeat coming at the hands of Erasmus.

Returning players next year will be Bob Breuer, Barry Poret, Bruce Noyzick, and Lee Brautman.

Snappy Form



George Kull

Paul Patane in a characteristic pitching motion. Paul struck out 14 Lafayette batsmen in one game.

Cindermen Win By Point Over Tech

Led by Heinz Krenzer, the track team displayed superb performance with a one-point victory over Brooklyn Tech, 54-53.

The team had entries in several of the earlier group meets—notably the Mt. St. Michael's Championships, Commerce Relays, and Penn Relays. In the second and third of these, Heinz took fifth place in the broad jump and triple jump.

In the meet against Tech, Heinz placed first in the broad jump and in his specialty, the hop, step, and jump. Other equally important victors were Fidel Cornell in the mile, Kenny Neilson in the two mile, and Ken Petersen in the high jump.

Richard Shaughnessy and Doug Monroe also took wins in the 100- and 220-yard dashes respectively. The winning 880-yard relay team included Richard, Larry Johnson, Eric Jones and Doug.

Coach Tom McGrath expressed praise for the performance against Tech. "I hope the team will do as well in the Brooklyn and City Championships later on!"

Milton Eisner

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of seminars in physiology at Hunter College. Part of his work there was a group project to measure the effect of physical effort on the electrocardiogram.

Last summer Milton took a course in linear algebra and computer programming at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Active in Clubs

Milton is also engaged in various extracurricular activities. He is a member of the newly formed Peace Corps Club, the Arista, the Psychology Club, the Pan American Club, the Band, and the Menorah Club.

His literary talents are displayed in the Pilot and the Anchor. The witty, modern version of "Macbeth" and two selections in "MADison Avenue"—all in the literary magazine—were from his pen.

Other interests include reading and playing the guitar and piano. He also enjoys traveling and is making a tour of Mexico with his parents this summer. "I've seen the North, South, East and West," said Milton, "but not the middle!"

Looking back over his high school career, Milton has these words for future Hamiltonites: "Take everything seriously, but don't take anything too seriously!"

Team Closes Season With 3-7 League Mark

By Bob Morris

The baseball team closed out a disappointing season May 18 by losing to New Utrecht, 8-2.

The team started off well in league play and had an outside shot at division laurels, but injuries and inexperience set them back 3-7.

Pitching was the strong point of this year's team. Paul Patane and Bill Wilkinson headed the mound corps. Each of these boys pitched a beautiful

game against division champ Lafayette, only to lose a heartbreaker. Paul struck out fourteen Lafayette batsmen, but lost 1-0.

Bill pitched scoreless baseball for ten innings, but lost a 2-0 decision when two unearned runs crossed the plate in the bottom of the eleventh.

Petrelli, Seif Hit Well
Co-captains John Petrelli and Eric Seif led the Blue and White in hitting. Junior first baseman Steve Karpinski was the third leading hitter.

"Compared with last year, the team is in a better position," said Coach Vincent Cimmino. "The younger boys have gained valuable experience, and I am looking forward to a fine season in 1965."

When injuries struck the Hamilton infield, shortstop Don Dwyer received an opportunity to perform. Don responded with excellent play in the field, and got the only Hamilton hit in the 2-0 loss to Lafayette.

Strong Throwing Arm
"Don has a great pair of hands and a strong throwing arm," said Coach Cimmino. "He will be a mainstay in next year's infield."

Timmy Barba, southpaw relief specialist, will join Paul Patane to form an excellent lefty-righty pitching combination next year. This year Paul, the workhorse of the staff, compiled a 2-4 won-lost record, but his earned run average was under two.

Another bright pitching prospect is freshman Roddy McGlynn, who showed promise in the exhibition games.

Artie Andino, though only a sophomore, started every game in centerfield and displayed both ability and poise throughout the season.

Courtmen Compete In Park Tourney

Members of the basketball team are competing in the Kelly Park Basketball Tournament.

The tournament began May 24 and will continue until the end of this month. The boys play against teams that are in Fort Hamilton's basketball league.

Said Mr. Mark Reiner, coach: "It would be nice to win the tournament; but no matter what happens, the experience will help the boys. Their playing will indicate what we may expect next year."

Last year the team finished in second place in the tourney. This year Hamilton is the favorite.

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Reporter Wins Second In Local News Contest

Nancy Bengtson, 4B12, was awarded second place in the Home Reporter and Sunset News Writing Contest and received a dictionary and an inscribed plaque. JoAnne Russo, 4A9, received Honorable Mention. Both students are on the *Pilot* staff.

First prize of \$100 in cash went to Josephine Scoblete, a senior at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Her story, entitled "Blissful Memories," was a reportorial history of Bay Ridge's Bliss Park. Nancy's story was entitled "Fate of the Ferry" and JoAnne's "The Verrazano Bridge."

Others in Contest

Also participating in this contest were two boys from Xaverian: Charles Hadlock, whose news story was entitled "Bay Ridge: Refuge from a Metropolis"; and Kenneth Tomecki, who wrote on "Brooklyn Army Terminal."

Entries from Bay Ridge High School were Rosalie Campadonico's "Heartbeats" and Annie Haynes' "A Bit of Home." Anna Martini, of Fontbonne Hall, wrote a composition entitled "Bay Ridge's Guild for Exceptional Children." These students also received Honorable Mention.

"The purpose of the contests," stated Mr. Frank Griffin, editor and publisher of the Home Reporter, "is to encourage our students to take a long, hard look at their community, then write something which reflects life in Bay Ridge."

Two Entries Per School

The contest got under way two months ago when principals and journalism teachers in Bay Ridge were briefed on contest rules and asked to submit two entries from each school. Eligible were all seniors of local high schools who are considering higher education.

The winning stories, along with those rating Honorable Mention, will be printed in the Home Reporter as space permits.

Hamilton Orators First in Finals

Clayton Spivey, 2B6, and Steven George, 3A17, were awarded first place in the Brooklyn borough finals of the Knights of Pythias Public Speaking Contest. Clay took first in round one, while Steve tied for first in round two.

Clay and Steve competed against each other in the city finals. Ellen Harswick, 4A5, having competed in the city finals last year, was automatically placed in the state finals. The contest progresses to the regional and the national finals.

State Employment Rep Assists Job Hunters

By Andrea Stone

"I'll be with you in a minute," said Miss Bittkower pleasantly as your reporter walked into office 123. Two other students were there, excitedly telling her about their new jobs.

There is also the problem of traveling to the Fair. Many students who might obtain employment there would find it difficult to get convenient transportation.

"At the beginning of each year," she explained, "all seniors fill out cards stating what their post-graduate plans are. During the year I see most of the seniors, and any other students who make appointments with me."

Miss Bittkower stressed that all openings are for permanent jobs. Clerical jobs seem to be the most popular, and there are usually opportunities at banks or insurance companies. As for summer work, Miss Bittkower advises students to contact "friends, relatives, everyone you know."

Many boys and girls are interested in employment at the World's Fair, but all applicants must be at least

129 Student Aids Assist Librarians

It takes a staff of 129 student aids to keep the library running smoothly and efficiently, according to Mrs. Ella Rodemann, one of the three school librarians.

"Most of them are energetic and dependable people," she emphasized. "Many of them become members of Arista, which—to some extent—may be due to the influence of the library environment."

Sharon Kane, 4A15, who has been on the squad for two years, has accurately typed more than 200 catalog cards for new books.

Otto Sirnes, 3A15, assists in the library in various ways during the day. "It is interesting to see what goes on behind the scenes of such an institution," he said.

After school one can find sophomore Blase De Natale assisting Mrs. Elizabeth S. McClenahan, head librarian, in keeping records and checking orders.

"Students on the squad receive service credit and experience as well," said Mrs. Rodemann. "It is worth repeating: they are a fine body of assistants."

Klein and Viksjo In NSF Program

Juniors Jan Klein, 3F25, and Catherine Viksjo, 3B6, have been awarded participation in National Science Foundation Summer Programs.

Jan was accepted by the Loomis School, associated with the University of Hartford. During the six-week course at Loomis she will study biochemistry.

Catherine was selected for the Advanced Placement Program at Cornell University, where she will take a six-week college credit course in zoology.

Participants are selected by national competition for these special programs for secondary school students.

2 Teachers Pass Counselor Exam

Miss Leonore Simon, senior grade adviser, and Miss Emma Korner, Project III Coordinator, have just been notified that they passed the full-time high school guidance counselor examination.

To qualify for the test, Miss Simon and Miss Korner needed the education courses they had taken in college, teaching and guidance experience, and thirty credits in guidance courses.

The two counselors will be assigned by the Board of Education to high schools where vacancies for guidance counselors exist, but both hope they will be able to remain at Fort Hamilton.

Their feelings are mixed about this new position. "We will be sorry to leave the classroom, but we are looking forward to the challenges offered in guidance."

Students Receive Language Awards

Several students have achieved high merit in the field of languages.

Grace Hultman, 4A17, won a Latin medal at a Cicero sight translation contest and a French medal at a contest given by the Association of French Professors. Nancy DiPaolo, 4B6, was awarded a book in the same competition.

Raymond Schaerf, 4A11, won a certificate of merit from the Council of Franco-American Organizations.

"I am very proud of these students," said Mrs. Jeanette Hart, chairman of the Language Department. "We know that in the future these students will achieve honor and distinction because of their ability and enthusiasm."

1960 Alumna Gets Fulbright Award

Tania Khodjamirian, a 1960 alumna, was awarded a Fulbright grant for a year's study in France—the first student at William Smith College to receive a Fulbright award.

A senior of outstanding ability, she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa last month and received honorable mention for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowships. In France, at the University of Lille, she will study French and Russian literature.

Tania was born in Iran where she began her education. Besides her native language, she speaks English, French and Russian. "She shows extraordinary promise for successful graduate work," said Dr. Eugene F. Murphy, chairman of the Modern Language Department of the College.

At Fort Hamilton Tania participated in various activities: Senior Council, Bibliophile Club, French Club and Trinity Club. She was a member of Arista and was an associate editor of the *Anchor*, school literary magazine.

Blasting Cap Accidents Inflict Grave Injuries

By Janet Rich

Last year 58 students in elementary and secondary schools in the United States received serious injuries from blasting cap accidents.

A blasting cap is a small metal tube containing a sensitive explosive compound, needed to set off dynamite and blasting agents in construction work.

"When a blasting cap is involved," declared Sydney Steele, Chairman of the Institute of Makers of Explosives Committee, "what a youngster does not know can hurt him."

"If you find a blasting cap—DO NOT TOUCH IT!—report the location to a city official or a responsible adult. The explosion of a cap can cripple, blind, deafen, and even kill you."

Caps Burst Easily

Various harmless movements cause blasting caps to burst: dropping, rubbing, picking or tapping them. Heat from a match or the electric current from a flashlight battery can also incite explosion.

Will you be able to recognize a blasting cap? It is a metal tube the size of a pencil, varying from one to six inches long. Some have wires attached to them, others a fuse. The color of a blasting cap differs according to its metal constituent: copper, brass, aluminum, nickel or silver.

Boys Are Victims

Statistics show that blasting cap mishaps are a minor source of injury—fewer than six per month have been recorded for all of the United States. But every hazard is unnecessary. Most

Editorial Board Undergoes Changes

Several changes will take place in the composition of the *Pilot* editorial board for the year 1964-65.

The board will be composed of Jan Klein, editor-in-chief; Judy Warshaver, news and advertising; Alice Nielsen, assistant; Robert Breuer, sports; Robert Morris, assistant; George Kull, circulation; and Daniel Swenson, photography.

Graduating this month are JoAnn Russo, news and advertising editor; Arthur Di Mattia, circulation manager, and James MacArevey, assistant circulation manager.

PTA Elects New Slate; Card Party Huge Success

The Parent Teacher Association has elected a slate of officers for the coming year.

Heading the organization, as president, will be Mr. Victor A. Raso; while assisting him, as vice president, will be Miss Helen P. Gerlach, a member of the English Department.

Other officers are as follows: recording secretary, Mrs. Dwight J. Russell; treasurer, Mrs. Anthony V. Ciccone; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George A. Kull; auditor, Mr. Thomas W. Stillwell; program chairman, Mr. Raymond Derchin; publicity chairman, Mrs. Albert C. Bittar.

Also, membership chairman, Mrs. Bertram Kane; co-membership chairman, Mrs. Eugene D. Pompay; hospitality chairman, Mrs. Arnold Starckenberg; and health and safety chairman, Mrs. Elvin Erickson.

The PTA has had a very successful year marked by fruitful discussions, addresses by members of the Fort Hamilton administration, faculty and guests, and performances by student groups.

Said Miss Gerlach, "The newly elected members of the board hope that next year's program will be just as successful. They will certainly make every effort to carry on the fine traditions of the PTA."

Card Party

The annual PTA card party, held May 1, was a huge success. The girls' gym was filled to capacity and more than 300 prizes were donated by various business concerns in Bay Ridge and other areas of Brooklyn.

Mrs. A. Digman, 7120 Fort Hamilton Parkway, was the winner of a portable TV set.

"The evening's affair," said Mr. Dwight Perrin, president of the PTA, "was the culmination of weeks of preparation by our splendid committees, the fine cooperation of the school faculty and staff, and the kindness and generosity of the firms and individuals who donated."

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Citywide		Regents				
TIME	MONDAY JUNE 15	TIME	TUESDAY JUNE 16	WEDNESDAY JUNE 17	THURSDAY JUNE 18	FRIDAY JUNE 19
8:45 to 12:15	9th YEAR MATH	8:45 to 12:15	COMPRE-HENSIVE ENGLISH	AMER. HIST. and WORLD BACK-GROUNDS III	BIOLOGY CHEMISTRY COMB. SHORT-HAND, TYPE and TRANS.	MERCHANDISE and SALES 2 YEARS
12:45 to 3:45	SPANISH 2 YEARS FRENCH 2 YEARS	12:45 to 4:15	10th YEAR MATH 11th YEAR MATH	LATIN 2 YRS. FRENCH 3 YRS. SPANISH 3 YRS. BOOKKEEPING 2 YEARS	PHYSICS	